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GROUP ORDER P3710.11 Chg 1

From: Commanding Officer, Marine Aircraft Group 41
To: Distribution List

Subj: CHANGE 1 TO LOCAL AREA ADDENDUM TO F/A-18 ADMIN SOP

Ref: (a) GruO P3710.11

Encl: (1) Record of Change Page
(2) New Page 4 (Cross-Country Training Flights)

1. Purpose. To promulgate changes to the Local Area Addendum for MAG-41 F/A-18 Standing Operating Procedures.

2. Cancellation. N/A.

3. Action. All aircrew operating MAG-41 F/A-18 aircraft shall be responsible for knowledge of, and compliance with the instructions set forth in the following changes. Unit Operations and Safety/NATOPS departments shall maintain a file copy of this change and ensure distribution and incorporation in all copies of the parent order. Complete the following actions to the parent order:

a. Insert Record of Change page (enclosure (1)) behind page 2 (signature page). Complete "Date Entered" and "Signature of Person Incorporating Change" columns.

b. Replace original page 4 with new page 4 (enclosure (2)).

4. Certification. Reviewed and approved this date.


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RECORD OF CHANGES

Log completed change action as indicated.

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4. **CROSS-COUNTRY TRAINING FLIGHTS.** Cross-country approval will be in accordance with the references and amplified as follows:

a. Commanding Officers shall ensure cross-country flights are planned to achieve maximum training for the aircrew involved and fulfill the requirements in the references to the extent possible. Extended training flights will be forwarded only if the requesting unit has developed a coherent plan that focuses on and is in line with my previous guidance. Training should focus on basic 200 level sorties, with a particular emphasis on A/G training. Weekends often provide less congested target areas and cross-country plans should take advantage of this fact. Air-to-Air and BFM training will be approved, provided it is in support of specific T&R requirements or a workup syllabus. All cross-country training shall be in accordance with the squadron's monthly training plan. All changes to cross-country requests shall be pre-approved prior to execution by the MAG CO or his designated representative.

b. Cross-country flights will normally be flown in flights of two or more aircraft, with a maximum of one division per weekend. If in the view of the Group Commander, meaningful aircrew training can be accomplished, single aircraft operations and/or the restriction on the maximum number of weekend aircraft may be waived. Squadron Commanders must justify requests for deviations in the narrative of the cross-country request.

c. A maximum of three flights may be flown in a day. The third hop must be an administrative training sortie. Administrative training sorties include instrument and AWI hops only. A maximum of nine sorties may be flown without a daily and turn-around inspection. There is no need to deplane and debrief before the third hop, as long as a comprehensive debrief is conducted at the end of the last leg.

d. Cross-country requests beyond the un-refueled range of the F/A-18 require sufficient justification for the destination and a contingency plan for aircraft maintenance.

e. In accordance with OPNAVINST 3710.7, civil airfields will not be used, with the following exceptions:

(1) Civil airfields on which military units operate aircraft.

(2) For filing purposes, you may use a civil airfield as a weather alternate.